

44th Annual Conference

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2:00-5:00 p.m.
4:00-10:00 p.m.
7:30

CAIS-APLA Joint Session
Registration and Exhibits
APLA Executive Meeting

FRIDAY 27 MAY

8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.

Registration
Exhibits open
APLA Committee meetings and Group of
UTLAS Regional Users (GURU)
Official opening; keynote addresses
APLA Annual General Meeting, First Session

2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 28 MAY

8:00 a.m.-Noon
9:00 a.m.-Noon
9:00 a.m.-Noon

Registration
Exhibits open
Workshop: Storytelling
Workshop: Conservation
Workshop: Issues Arising from Project Progress
Telidon Update
Workshop: Library Technicians
Workshop: Library Instruction
APLA Trustees Business Meeting
Distance University via Television (DUET)
Prestel Update
Pre-Resolutions Session
Reception
Dinner & Entertainment

10:00 a.m.-Noon
2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 29 MAY

10:00 a.m.
Noon

Annual General Meeting 2d Session
Brunch & Introduction of New Executive

Executive Reports

APLA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A President's annual report should be informative, concise, authoritative without being pedantic, and full of wisdom, sound judgement and advice. Above all, it should be a monument of discernment and insight.

This report will be none of the above. I tell you what such a report should be so that if you find a dusty one in your stacks you will recognize it immediately.

APLA affairs ran smoothly in 1982-83, mainly because of a conscientious executive and hard-working committee convenors. Increases in expenses for travel may necessitate the three executive meetings per year to be reduced to two, one of which would be at the time of the annual conference. I know that increases in the cost of travel also has an effect on the numbers of people attending the annual conference. I think you will see a continued emphasis on local workshops and lectures, arranged by provincial vice-presidents or convenors of committees, not to detract from the annual conference but rather to meet the needs of those members and other library workers who cannot afford to attend the conference.

All in all, I have a good feeling about the past year. Being President of APLA has indeed been an enjoyable experience. Thank you for electing me.

REPORT FOR NEW BRUNSWICK

Mount Allison University Ralph Pickard Bell Library

Two librarians joined the staff in September 1982. Cynthia Singleton as Reference and Education Librarian and Judith Coughlan-Lambly as a Cataloguer. Cheryl Ennals is on staff through August as Archives Librarian.

The Library received a SSHRC grant of \$50,000 to do a new edition of the catalogue for the Bell Collection of Acadiana. This will be done on the UTLAS system and the material is being reclassified at the same time. The end product will be either microfiche or book form. Subject area bibliographies etc. can be produced. Janet Geier is working with Margaret Fancy on the project.

Provincial Archives of New Brunswick

Research projects — The Provincial Archives sponsored three projects during the summer of 1982: surveys of judicial records, municipal records and of professional and labour associations. In addition, the New Brunswick Law Foundation sponsored a project to describe the earliest Supreme Court records of the province. Projects during the winter of 1983 included a survey of sources on the history of women, a survey of customs and immigration records, and the conservation of historical documents. A major on-going project which reached completion was the revision of the finding aid to the York-Sunbury Historical Society collection, one of the more significant manuscript collections held by the Archives.

Publications — The 1851 census manuscripts for the counties of St. John and Restigouche were published by the Archives.

Staff — Additions to the staff were Ruth Grattan as Archivist-Editor and Francine Bosse as receptionist. Allen Doiron attended a three month archival course at the Archives Nationales in Paris.

Exhibits — From December 13 through January 15, the Archives hosted an exhibition entitled *Dreams of Empire*, sponsored by the Public Archives of Canada. As well, several items from the Maps and Plans Section are on loan to the Dalhousie University Art Gallery for a travelling exhibition *The Lost Craft of Ornamental Architecture: Canadian Architectural Drawings, 1850-1920*.

Conferences — The Provincial Archives hosted the Second Annual International Genealogical Workshop in early August, as well as a 2 day seminar on basic conservation under the auspices of the Association Museums New Brunswick. Several staff members participated in and attended conferences of the Association of Canadian Archivists, Atlantic Association of Historians, Canadian Historical Association, Association des Archivistes de Québec, Association Museums New Brunswick, Canadian Cartographic Association, and Association of Canadian Map Libraries.

Research hours at the Provincial Archives continue as Monday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. A current list of publications and the *Information Bulletin* listing current acquisitions

Ad Hoc Committee Report

COMMITTEE ON A-V RESOURCES

The committee met 3 times in the past year. During the year the committee achieved the following:

- a follow up questionnaire was sent to those institutions which did not respond to the original survey questionnaire. The committee received many replies and will incorporate the results into our soon-to-be-published—*Directory of Institutions in the Atlantic Provinces Holding Audio Visual Resources*.

- copies of the final report on the results of the survey questionnaire dealing with the availability of A-V resources in the Atlantic provinces, were sent to all those institutions which responded to the questionnaire.

- a visit was made to the Learning Resource Centre, Dalhousie University which is currently developing an online database of A-V programs of interest to post secondary institutions, held by institutions within the Atlantic Provinces. The committee is interested in this project as a possible means of providing a comprehensive Union List of A-V materials held by institutions in the Atlantic Provinces.

The committee is in the process of compiling a *Directory of Institutions in the Atlantic Provinces Holding Audio Visual Resources*. It is hoped that this directory will be published and made available to institutions within the Atlantic Provinces in the not too distant future.

Frank Oram, Convenor
Doug Vaisey
Alice Harrison

are available on request from the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, P.O. Box 6000, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5H1.

UNB Law Library

The most exciting development for us this year has been the approval by the MPHEC, the Province of New Brunswick and the University to begin construction of the extension to the law school. The extension, while it will provide some additional classroom space, will be largely devoted to an expansion of library facilities which has long been needed.

The extension has been designed by the Saint John architectural firm of Mott, Myles & Chatwin and will be constructed by Diamond Construction Ltd. of Fredericton. It will accommodate an additional 80,000 volumes, giving us a capacity of 150,000 bound volumes. In addition, it will provide special areas for the use of video tape and audio-tape, microform, and on-line legal information retrieval. The construction time is estimated to be one year, beginning in April '83.

This June marks the end of a two year pilot project in automated legal information retrieval funded jointly by the New Brunswick Law Foundation and the University of New Brunswick. Mr. Michael McGuire, BA, M.L.S., LL.B. has developed a reference and information retrieval service which is available to members of the N.B. Bar on a fee for service basis, as well as to members of the University community. Hands on experience for law students has been incorporated very successfully into the Moot Court programme in second year, and has been funded through the project. We are optimistic that the service will be able to continue, funded by revenue and by the University, as it has proven to be of such value to all sectors of the legal community.

During the past summer and this academic year we have worked at reclassifying most of the remaining titles from the old Cutter system to the new Modified KF Classification Scheme for Canadian Law Libraries.

During the next year we will acquire a Phoenix terminal and begin inputting Law Library records. It is undecided yet when or if we will attempt retrospective conversion of all records although this would most certainly be desirable.

Respectfully submitted
Ruth Cunningham
Vice-President, New Brunswick

REPORT FOR NEWFOUNDLAND

Optimism, restraint, expansion and retrenchment hardly seem to be words which go together; however, at this year's reports came in from various libraries, these were the words most often heard—and sometimes from the same library. While 1982-83 has been a hard year on budgets, most libraries have managed to maintain reasonable service levels and now hope that there will be better days ahead.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The reports from both the College of Trades and Technology and the College of Fisheries libraries indicate changes, or at least hoped for changes, in their facilities. The College of Trade has recently doubled the seating capacity of the Topsail Road Campus library. The library, which has had room for only 20 students, can now accommodate 54 students. Hopefully, the College of Fisheries library will experience a similar growth in the new building which is being planned for the College. While there have been no confirmed plans released for either the new College of Fisheries or their library, there is guarded optimism among the staff that they will be moving into a new facility in the next couple of years.

The Ocean Engineering Information Centre (OEIC) on Memorial University's campus continues to operate as a specialized information service to the scientific and engineering community involved in offshore hydrocarbon development in cold oceans. The Centre, under a contract from the National Research Council of Canada, is assisting in the identification of the scientific and technical information which will be required by the proposed library facility of the Arctic Vessel and Marine Research Institute which is under construction in St. John's.

The library community in Newfoundland and Labrador is looking forward to June when the Labrador Institute of Northern Studies Information Centre (LINSIC) will begin operation under the administration of Sadie Popovitch. LINSIC will be providing essential information concerning a wide scope of topics related to Labrador—environmental, social and political to name a few subject areas. It will be operating as part of Memorial University's Labrador Institute of Northern Studies located in Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

The Queen Elizabeth II Library of Memorial University has now been open for over a year and, if a steady increase in user statistics is any indication, is being well received by the academic community and a growing number of non-university users as well.

Memorial University has just announced the formation of The Margaret Williams Trust Fund which has been established to provide funds to individuals who propose projects which may be seen as contributing to the advancement of librarianship in Newfoundland. The Fund was set up by friends and colleagues to honour the former University Librarian.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

In last year's report from Newfoundland, we noted the beginning of the province wide Books-By-Mail system. As a result of this service, the year 1982-83 marks the end of the Bookmobile Service in the province. The last two bookmobiles, St. John's City Libraries and St. John's East Extern, were taken off the road as of March 31, 1983. One Grade III student wrote a farewell note thanking the library for bringing the books for him to read and added the wistful plea, "I wish you could come for ever." No doubt the bookmobiles will be missed, but the new Books-By-Mail service is already proving a success with January marking a circulation record—1549 parcels sent out containing 9000 books!

Children's Book Festival Week was celebrated by the visit of author-illustrator James Houston. The adults even managed to edge into the children's festivities with an evening gathering with Mr. Houston. In October, the children's writer Eric Wilson brought new meaning and excitement for writing and reading mysteries when he presented his books to school children in the St. John's area.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Optimism is the keyword in this year's report from the school libraries. The new school curriculum introduced this year is resource based and emphasizes the use of non-textbook teaching in the classroom. This new emphasis has forced the schools to take a more active interest in establishing school libraries. There is evidence that more schools are using their library materials grant for the purchase of library materials—indeed, the very thing for which it was intended.

The shortage of trained teacher-librarians is now being overcome by the availability of graduates from the library diploma and education degree courses offered by Memorial University. Many teachers are taking these courses either to meet graduation requirements or to upgrade their professional qualifications. This trend has been encouraged by the Provincial Department of Education who has suggested to school boards that any extra teacher units be filled as teacher-librarian positions. In 1982-83, 19 new teacher-librarian positions were established across the province.

Respectfully submitted
Suzanne Sexty
Vice-President, Newfoundland

REPORT FOR NOVA SCOTIA

The watchword for the year was restraint. With the announcement in 1982 that 6 per cent and 5 per cent were to be the guidelines for increases in Nova Scotia a general sense of pulling-back, of conserving, of preserving the status quo prevailed. Cooperation and sharing are becoming mandatory. Several events of 1982-83 concerning libraries and librarians in the province reflect these trends.

In September of 1982 the Chief Librarians from the five Halifax area universities met to begin discussions on inter-university, inter-library cooperation. The group of five from Dalhousie University, Mount Saint Vincent University, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Saint Mary's University, and the Technical University of Nova Scotia call themselves the Council of Metro University Librarians. During their monthly meetings the group has discussed the possibilities of an on-line union catalogue, a shared automated circulation system, central purchasing and binding practices, reciprocal borrowing privileges, and a union catalogue of serials. A Task Force has been formed whose primary responsibility is to investigate any and all library automated systems that operate in and are appropriate to a networking environment.

In an effort to recover some costs of inter-library lending AAULC libraries have begun charging \$3.00 per loan among their own members. Certain Dalhousie libraries are charging all libraries the \$3.00 levy.

Within the regional libraries some economies are occurring. The Western Counties now have nine branches open and have withdrawn one bookmobile from service. Halifax County has also withdrawn one bookmobile. Direct mail service is offered to clients who formerly had bookmobile access.

In Halifax the school library budget has been cut 50 per cent for the year '82-'83. The system is losing one librarian and three library assistants. Where expansion was anticipated and needed, retrenchment is occurring.

In response to economic conditions which may prevent replacement of mutilated books, libraries are more than ever interested in book repair. The APLA Committee on Conservation of Library Materials, using discretionary funds from the Vice-President of Nova Scotia, sponsored a workshop in April to teach people presently doing book repair in libraries some of the techniques of book preservation. This was a popular event and may be repeated.

Libraries seem to be searching for efficient, low-cost ways to manage their systems. The Halifax Library Association and the Dalhousie School of Library Services sponsored sessions on library applications for microcomputers.

Acadia University has its LIBSAC on-line cataloguing system up and running. At present, a microfiche catalogue is being produced. Automated circulation is the next phase.

Nova Scotia is hosting the 11th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science in Halifax in May, 1983. For the first time this National Organization has ventured to the East Coast.

A look into the near future offers no reason to be optimistic. The economy will probably continue to affect libraries adversely. In response, we must intensify our cooperative efforts, adapt the new technologies to library demands, and develop creative responses to hard times.

Respectfully submitted,
Margot Schenk
Vice-President for Nova Scotia

REPORT FOR PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Provincial Library

In reviewing the year the changes which come most quickly to mind are those relating to staff. In June Colleen Lowry married and moved to England becoming Colleen Lowry-Hickling. Now as we come to the end of the year Brenda Brady has left her bookmobile position to move to a new job with the American Embassy in Ottawa.

Provincial Library staff has been working on a proposal for automating our inventory system and changing to a microfilm catalogue. This has been in the planning-consideration stage now for about two years. This winter we received approval for the automated inventory process. Our staff supplemented by six additional personnel have spent five months getting our catalogue records into the computer. We expect to have that part of the project completed by early summer and have the computer staff begin writing the programmes after that.

We were most disappointed not to have the whole project approved but have not given up hope that eventually we will have the catalogue on microfilm.

This year has been one during which we have had to exercise continued restraint in all areas. Predictions were that 1983-84 would be as bad and the evidence of our new budget bears that out. We have managed to maintain the book budget at last year's level. At other times that might not seem a very positive step. With the financial situation of the province being as it is it seems a major accomplishment.

Holland College

Holland College Library, Charlottetown Centre, is the main library for the college. It contains approximately 20,000 volumes with more than 200 periodicals. While the collection is basically technical in nature, so as to support the programs at the college, it is also used by the public. There is a broad range of subjects within the collection that includes electronics, early childhood education, photography and architecture.

The Royalty Centre Library houses roughly 7,000 books and subscribes to 100 periodicals. The collection is open to both in-house users and the general public. The classification system used for the collection will be changed from Dewey Decimal to Library of Congress this spring, so as to make it more compatible with the main collection.

Both the libraries at the Charlottetown and Royalty Centres have recently acquired some

Commodore VIC-20 computers. There are 3 at the main library and 2 at Royalty which are available for one week loan by the public. Holland College sees a need for such innovative services while encouraging more traditional ones, such as the British Council book display of last spring and summer.

Holland College School of Visual Arts has a collection of materials, focused on applied arts and crafts. This resource centre contains approximately 2,000 volumes and more than 40 current periodical titles. These periodicals are available to the public only as reference materials, but circulate to the students of the school.

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Medical Library

One year has passed since we moved into our new facilities at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. It has been an extremely active year but hopefully it will now settle down into a more regular routine.

For the first six months the library operated out of cardboard boxes and a little borrowed shelving. At times confusion prevailed but now all the shelving is installed and books and journals are in order!

During the Orientation Program, I had the opportunity to talk to the medical, nursing and support staff employed at the hospital. This was an ideal way to introduce library services to hospital personnel and seems to have paid off in terms of users to the library.

The library has a collection of approximately 500 titles and presently subscribes to 115 journals. Circulation statistics for both books and journals have increased substantially over the past six months. As well, the number of Medline Literature Searches conducted for medical and hospital personnel have increased in number.

Hopefully the next few years will see an even greater number of staff taking advantage of our growing resources.

Confederation Centre Public Library

In anticipation of the Provincial Library's holdings being computerized, two summer students were hired for twelve weeks each to do a complete inventory of all adult books. An inventory had been done on the children's books a few years ago. The inventory for the adult section was completed in September and was followed up with a telephone blitz for overdue books in November—about 500 books were returned as a result.

Staff training was emphasized this past year. Mary Beth Harris, Reference Librarian at Robertson Library of the University of Prince Edward Island, organized a one day workshop for us in July and Prof. Elizabeth Frick, visiting professor at the School of Library Service at Dalhousie University conducted a workshop for us on interpersonal skills, especially body language, during the reference interview.

Two new staff members joined us this past year: Marian Murphy was promoted to Library Technician IV to replace Joan Ricketts who went to Headquarters; Alison Ann MacSwain joined us in September to replace Margaret Weir, who left for Toronto.

Two authors visited the library this past year. Ms. M.H. Downie gave a reading in the Children's Library during Children's Book Festival Week and W.O. Mitchell gave a reading in November. Both readings were well attended.

Public Archives

In December of 1982, the Public Archives of Prince Edward Island was moved to the fourth floor of the George Coles Building, Charlottetown. The new location, effectively doubling the space available to the P.A.P.E.I., is environmentally controlled and equipped with compact shelving. Capital funding was also provided to purchase additional microfilm readers and card and map cabinets, etc.

Although day-time hours remain the same at the new location—Mon. to Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. — evening hours have been discontinued. Nevertheless, the volume of business has increased as more individuals are attracted to the new facility.

During the past year the Public Archives has remained active in collecting the records of Island churches and schools, amongst which were the records of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter's, Charlottetown and the United Church, Montague. The P.A.P.E.I. has received, on permanent loan from the Army Museum in Halifax, a Record Book of Disbursements for the Prince Edward Island Fencibles 1800-1812. Also, the P.E.I. Department of Vital Statistics has granted permission to the Archives to microfilm certain of their earlier records. Although this material is still in the process of being filmed, it will be particularly helpful to those researchers involved in genealogical pursuits.

Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island

Two members of the Robertson Library, Frances Dindial and Edward Hanus attended the CLA annual conference in Saskatoon in mid-June.

Much attention has been focused on library security in recent years. Merritt Crockett, University Librarian, was able to obtain some first hand information on this problem when he attended a library security workshop in Louisville, Ky. in August.

On July 16, Mary Beth Harris, Head of Information Services conducted a one day workshop on reference services. The work shop was attended by staff members of the Prince Edward Island libraries.

The Robertson Library had signed up with Dialog in December 1981 but it was only in Sept. 1982 that we were able to make the on-line service available to the library users. Doug Vaisey of St. Mary's University spent a day with members of the Reference Department and instructed them in the use of Dialog.

A public lecture sponsored by APLA was held at the Robertson Library in November, and featured Professor Ann Cameron, psychologist at the University of New Brunswick who spoke on technology and society.

Three UPEI students, working all summer, were able to complete two special projects. They took an inventory of all the considerable art works on the campus, giving a complete description of each work, accompanied by a color photo. They also assisted in cataloging the vast collection of colored slides. These projects were made possible by a Summer Canada Project grant.

A collection of cassette tapes of interviews of people of Scottish origin and featuring folklore, humour and music has been presented to the Robertson Library by Dr. Wendell MacIntyre. This is a valuable addition to our P.E.I. Collection and will be available to the public as soon as cataloguing and classification have been carried out.

A staff member, Blanche Campbell, retired after 16 years of service in the Periodical Department. She began work with Prince of Wales College Library in 1967 and came to the University of P.E.I. when it opened in 1969.

While battling with restraint and recession the Robertson Library has managed to maintain its previous level of service and to hold its acquisition program together.

Respectfully submitted
Frances Dindial
Vice-President, Prince Edward Island

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS BULLETIN MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Bulletin Management Board met once during 1982-83 and conducted additional business by letter and telephone.

The revenue picture for the Bulletin is beginning to cause concern. Along with the postal increase of February 1983 there has also been an increase in printing costs since September 1982. The Advertising Editor has been canvassing prospective advertisers for over a year but with little result, and as the figures below show there has been a decline in paid subscriptions. In an effort to reach a larger audience classified ads about the Bulletin were prepared by the Publications Committee and placed in *Atlantic Insight*. Copies of the Bulletin have also been sent for display to the Canadian Book Information Centre at Dalhousie University.

The Board considered and rejected a proposal for a reduced conference rate for advertisers following a meeting with the convenor of the 1983 Local Arrangements Committee.

The current editors of the Bulletin confirmed their intention to resign effective May 1983 and the Publications Committee is seeking three new editors. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Board to thank our outgoing editors, Elizabeth Hamilton, Patricia Ruthven and Eric Swanick, for a job well done.

As of March 20, 1983 the Bulletin had 142 active paid subscriptions and 20 complimentary subscriptions. This represents a drop of 15 paid subscriptions since March 1982.

Linda Harvey, Convenor
Peter Glenister
Elizabeth Hamilton
Patricia Ruthven
Eric Swanick

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

All committees have convenors, are set up and functioning.

André Guay, Convenor.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

As of March 15, 1983, APLA had 349 members, a slight increase over the total for the previous year at this time. Membership distribution ran as follows:

	1981-82	1982-83
Honorary-Life Members	8	10
Renewals	271	281
New Members	53	58
	332	349

with Provincial Breakdown:		
New Brunswick	84	79
Newfoundland-Labrador	39	49
Nova Scotia	170	178
Prince Edward Island	17	18
Other	22	25
	332	349

With retirements, deaths and moves to other parts of Canada having taken a toll of renewals, membership forms have been distributed to contacts in all four provinces to help promote membership and attract newcomers to APLA.

The Membership Directory for 1982-3 has been produced and will be included in the conference mailing sent to all members.

Elizabeth Behrens, Convenor
Ruth Cunningham
Frances Dindial
Margot Schenk
Suzanne Sexty
Anna Oxley (ex-officio)

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

The censorship events of 1981 in Nova Scotia and P.E.I. were repeated in New Brunswick in November, 1982 when the St. John News Company was convicted of distributing obscene material. The company was sentenced to pay a \$1,000 fine and was placed under a two-year probation order. On behalf of the executive and members of APLA a letter was sent by the Committee to the Justice Minister of New Brunswick, the Hon. Fernand Dube, re-iterating our support of the CLA statement on Intellectual Freedom and protesting the sentence.

The Committee was advised of the cancellation by the Rainy River Ontario Public Library Board of a scheduled reading by Newfoundland author Kevin Major of excerpts from his book *Held Fast*. Elinor Benjamin, our Newfoundland representative, expressed her dismay in a letter to the Board Chairman.

Notices of these actions and the Committee's response were sent to the new CLA I.F. Committee convenor, Tim Schobert. On the Committee's behalf, I expressed our willingness to assist him in the work of the national committee.

Terrence Paris, Convenor
E. Benjamin
G. Lavoie
K. Litton
J. Mercer

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

The Committee prepared a questionnaire on library instruction in Atlantic Canadian libraries.

The purpose of the questionnaire was to determine whether and how library instruction is provided in Atlantic Canadian libraries, and the names or positions of persons responsible for library instruction.

The questionnaire was distributed to all personal members of APLA with the January-February issue of the APLA Bulletin.

The Committee received 49 completed questionnaires and sent a letter of thanks to each

respondent. A statistical breakdown of the number of responses by province and by type of library is as follows:

Type of Library
School - 2
Special Government - 14
Public - 15
College-University - 18

Province
Nova Scotia - 28
New Brunswick - 12
Newfoundland - 8
Prince Edward Island - 1

The Committee has yet to decide whether to undertake a more detailed compilation of the responses.

The Committee has undertaken to sponsor a workshop on "Teaching Public Catalogue Use" to be presented at the APLA Annual Conference. Elizabeth Frick will conduct the session which will provide participants with a framework in which to design effective instructional programmes and aids for users of the public catalogue. Various types of libraries - public, academic, school and special - and various types of catalogues - book, card, fiche and on-line - will be included in the discussion.

Jane Archibald, Convener
Elizabeth Banfield
Judy Brooks
Betty Jeffrey
Susan MacLean
Oriel MacLennan
Gwyn Pace

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY TECHNICIANS

During the past year the Committee on Library Technicians held three meetings: one during the conference in Sackville and two during the year (September and April) at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College Library in Truro, N.S. Also at Sackville a successful gathering was held at which the work of the committee was reviewed, the survey results studied, and challenges for the future established.

At the committee meetings the members are continuing to lay the groundwork by analyzing the needs and concerns of library technicians in the Atlantic region through the results (132) of the questionnaire sent out a year ago. From these the short and long term goals and priorities are being established.

It has been seen that there is already a greater interest by library technicians in APLA through attendance at the Conference in Sackville and the increase in library technician membership in the Association.

As part of the APLA Conference activities in Halifax in May, the Committee has invited Ms. Margot Montgomery of Algonquin College in Ottawa to speak on a topic related to the work of library technicians across Canada.

George Halliwell, Convener
Muriel Allen
Maria Hodgson
Donna MacArthur
Hélène Paquin
Carin Somers
Frances White

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Other than in conjunction with the 1983 Annual Conference, the Committee was unable to meet in person during the past year and conducted its business by correspondence and telephone.

During the 1982-1983 the Committee:

Prepared and arranged for distribution of the 1982 APLA Proceedings;

Arranged the production and distribution of the 1982-1983 Membership Directory;

Arranged the production of the 1983 Directory of Library Related Organizations in the Atlantic Provinces;

Prepared number 31 of the Dalhousie University Libraries and School of Library Service Occasional paper series, entitled Libraries and the Law: Proceedings of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association Conference, 1980, edited by Heather Creech;

Coordinated the printing by Lancelot Press, Hantsport, N.S., of Atlantic Libraries and Archives: A Directory of Special Collections, co-edited by Iain Bates and Ann Nevill;

Publicized the APLA Bulletin in Atlantic Insight (January, 1983) and The Atlantic Provinces Book Review (May, 1983);

Sought replacements for editors of the APLA Bulletin to succeed Eric Swanick - Editor, Elizabeth Hamilton - Managing Editor, and Patricia Ruthven - Advertising Editor, all of Fredericton, N.B., who together produced an excellent periodical for the Association over the past three years.

Peter Glenister, Convener
Heather Creech
Mary Beth Harris
Howard Saunders
Linda Harvey

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALBERTA LETTS FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

In order to fully report on the work of the committee in 1982-83 it is necessary to outline some history of the Alberta Letts Memorial Fellowship Trust.

The 1974 annual general meeting authorized the APLA Executive to set up the Alberta Letts Memorial Fellowship as a trust so that it qualified as a "Registered and Charitable Organization" within the meaning of Section 149-1 of the Income Tax Act.

This was done and contributions were solicited in Alberta Letts name with a specific goal of awarding a travelling fellowship to an established librarian.

Those members of the Association who knew Alberta Letts personally and who solicited the funds in her name wished the fund to eventually be dispersed while Miss Letts was still personally remembered.

Other members of the Association wished the fund to continue as a worthwhile continuing

education opportunity and recommended that the Association itself contribute from its surplus funds.

The Trust was established and the Atlantic Trust Company was named as the trustee. In 1974 Alice Harrison was awarded the first fellowship. In 1980 the second fellowship was awarded to Lorraine McQueen.

In November, 1981 Atlantic Trust notified the committee that its fee to administer the trust would be increased to \$500.00 per year. This was unacceptable as it represents over half the yearly income of the trust. In order to cope with finding new trustees and to reconcile the conflicting views on the future of the trust the committee asked for and received authority from the Association (motion, AGM, 1982) to take the necessary action to change the trust agreement and terms of reference for the award.

A lawyer was engaged who pointed out another immediate problem for the committee. In order to conform to the provisions of the present trust agreement and to maintain our tax status it was necessary to award a fellowship on an annual basis. It was decided to award fellowships for the years 1981, 1982, and 1983. These fellowships would use up all those monies contributed in the name of Alberta Letts and would represent the last Alberta Letts Fellowships. The trust agreement would then be modified to change the name of the trust to the APLA Memorial Awards Fund and monies could then be solicited for a general memorial fund. Future fellowships would be from this new fund and would be called APLA Memorial Awards. The lawyer further recommended that the Finance Committee become trustees of the new fund.

The committee prepared the following bylaw changes so that the Association may vote on these matters:

By Laws Article V Section I

(i) Finance Committee

to be added:

- to serve as trustees and administer the APLA Memorial Awards Fund and submit a detailed financial statement at the conclusion of the fiscal year.

By Laws Article VI Section I

(vi) Alberta Letts Memorial Fellowship Committee

To read as follows:

(vi) APLA Memorial Awards Committee

- to solicit contributions to the APLA Memorial Awards Fund

- to select the award recipients

Alberta Letts Memorial Fellowships have been awarded as follows:

1981 - Pat Rahal, to study the organization, role, and function of Community College Resource Centres in Canada with particular emphasis on Ontario and Alberta.

1982 - Linda Harvey, to do a follow-up survey of regional services provided by the libraries of the Royal College of Nurses and the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain to users outside the metropolitan area.

1983 - Eric Swanick, to attend the Columbia University School of Library Service summer courses on the 19th Century Book, and Comparative Historical Book Bindings and their preservation.

With these fellowships all monies contributed in Alberta Letts name have been dispersed. The committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the contributors and to congratulate the recipients who will, through their activities, enrich our Atlantic Provinces Library Community.

As of December 31, 1982, Atlantic Trust reports that the assets and cash on hand amount to \$11,437.69.

Lorraine McQueen, Convener

Mollie Cameron

Peter Glenister

Lloyd Melanson

CONSERVATION OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Since its revitalization in 1982, the APLA Committee on the Conservation of Library Materials (ACCLAIM) has been very active on several fronts. The Committee met twice, on October 21, 1982 and February 18, 1983. The energies of the Committee were directed towards organizing a workshop for the Annual APLA Conference and to solicit memberships to represent all of the Atlantic Provinces.

The Committee has organized a workshop entitled "Preserving Our Heritage: Conservation of Library Materials in the 80's". Joyce Banks, National Library, John Barton, Ontario Archives, Professor Fred Matthews are presenting an overview of the conservation and preservation activities in Canada and the United States. A tour of the Public Archives has also been planned for anyone interested (Saturday, May 28, 1983).

Upon request from Vice-President (Nova Scotia), on April 22, the Committee conducted a highly successful workshop on "Simple Book Repairs and Preservation Techniques". Alice Harrison, Fred Matthews, Karen Smith, three students of Dalhousie School of Library Service, and Lou Sawler from the Bindery of the Nova Scotia Public Archives (where the workshop was held) took part. The workshop was offered free of charge and was limited to only 25 people but 35 participants showed up. There is still a great deal of interest in replicating this workshop in Fall 1983. The committee is also encouraging other Atlantic Provinces to conduct similar workshops, as the need for such a session has been demonstrated.

The Committee was also involved in disseminating bibliographic information on preservation and conservation. Two bibliographies entitled, "Catalogues of the Audio-Visual Aids to the Conservation of Archival and Library Materials in the Atlantic School of Theology" and a list of twenty-four journals on conservation have been prepared by Alice Harrison. These are available free of charge from the Convener of ACCLAIM or from Alice Harrison, Librarian, Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, N.S.

The Committee also entertained the idea of a film festival on conservation as another mid-winter workshop. Two members of the Committee Alice Harrison and Fred Matthews are in the process of preparing a 'Disaster Manual' which would outline the resources, and the information to deal with the unexpected. The manual is likely to be published as an 'Occasional paper' through the School of Library Service, Dalhousie University.

The Committee proudly announces that it now has member representation from all provinces. Margaret Fancy, New Brunswick, Nancy Grenville, Newfoundland and Priscilla Ykelestan, Prince Edward Island are the provincial representatives.

In line the Committee's goal - 'to promote awareness of library conservation' has been more than adequately achieved during the past year. The Committee now with its full membership, looks forward to an even more productive year ahead.

The Committee strongly urges the APLA membership at large to let us know of their ideas, concerns, and needs.

Rashid Tayyeb, Convener

Members: Alice Harrison

Karen Smith

Nancy Grenville

Margaret Fancy

Priscilla Ykelestan

Members at large:

Laura Jantek

Pat Townsend

Edith Haliburton

Ellen Webster

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